GTF: Charter Sub-Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Attendees: Ray Seigfried, Steve Benigni [by phone], Barbara Macklem, and Lynda Kolski

Meeting called to order by Ray at 7:39 Buzz Ware

The Task Force approved the minutes from the November meeting with corrections. Ray presented a draft article to be placed in January PAGE, which was approved. He then reviewed a survey sent by the Advisory Committee to complete for discussion at the retire. After a review of the survey, it was decided that we would not participate.

The Task Force reviewed the upcoming deadline for completing our work by March 2023. After a discussion, it was decided that Ray would request from Town Assembly an extension with a target date of completing our work by June 2023 and a full review by the Town Assembly by March 2024.

The Task Force reviewed section 9 Registration Committee. Our first recommendation is to modify section 9 [a] to read as follows, "The Registration Committee shall consist of: five residents of the Village elected by Town Assembly, the Senior Trustee of Arden, the Secretary of the Town Assembly and the Clerk of the Trustees as an ex-officio nonvoting member." The last sentence of section [a] reads, "Each member, so elected, shall serve in office for two years or until his/her successor is duly elected." Section [c] would be modified to read as follows: "The Registration Committee shall supervise all referends and elections held hereunder and shall fix rules and regulations, consistent with this act's provision, for the proper and orderly conduct thereof." The citation of 69 Del. Law, c. 30 will be verified for correctness.

The Task Force reviewed section 10 Vacancies and confirmed its status with no change.

A review of the Hares voting system took place. There does not exist evidence that this method of voting in our community results in any improvement over a traditional voting system. Giving this we do not understand why we continue with this voting process?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39